

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY – Winter 2016

HIST*3580 – Women in the History of Asia

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Course Format: 2 – 1.5-hour lectures per week

Course Synopsis:

This course will introduce students to a selection of topics in women's history in Asia. We will explore, in a roughly chronological fashion, how women's lives intersected, and were intersected by, variables of gender, race, class, caste, community, religion, and nation in China, Japan, and South Asia. We will privilege gender as a tool for analysis to focus on women as valid subjects of historical analysis, with due recognition of the complexities that determine and shape their subjectivities. This course will incorporate current and past debates to familiarize us with issues and problems that arise in re-thinking the past from a woman-centred perspective. Course materials will include primary and secondary documents.

Methods of Evaluation and Weights:

Research Paper (35%)

Critical Evaluation Assignment (15%)

Final Exam (35%)

Participation (15%)

Texts and/or Resources Required:

REQUIRED

-- Readings on Electronic Reserve (On-Line)

Recommended:

-- Barbara Ramusack and Sharon Sievers, Women in Asia: Restoring Women to History (Women in Asia)

****Please note: This is a preliminary web course description only. The department reserves the right to change without notice any information in this description. The final, binding course outline will be distributed in the first class of the semester.***